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Here to Win Says Walker to Democrats

Enthusiastic Meeting of Candidates and Party Workers Brings Predictions of Democratic Success At Polls.

No Dearth of Issues, Upon Which to Base Successful Campaign Declares Head of the Democratic Ticket.

"I am in this campaign to win, and I believe I am going to win along with the rest of the Democratic nominees." With these words Alderman Daniel E. Walker, Democratic nominee for mayor, brought continued cheers from an enthusiastic meeting of the candidates and party workers in Hibernian Hall last night. Alderman Walker's confidence in the success of the ticket was shared by the other candidates who were heard in brief but interesting speeches.

The administration of Mayor Clifford B. Wilson was warmly flayed by several of the speakers, as was the record of Henry Lee, who now seeks the majority on the Citizens' League ticket.

"There are issues and plenty of them on which we can push this campaign to a successful outcome," was the burden of many of the speeches by candidates. "Both Wilson and Lee are open to attack on their public records. A careful, industrious campaign, continued up to election day will spell Democratic victory."

There were about 150 Democrats at the meeting. These included the candidates, executive board and the deputy registrars, along with scores who had accepted Chairman Hugh J. Lavery's general invitation to join in the deliberation.

It was the sentiment of the candidates that a series of district rallies should be held next week, starting Monday. These are to be continued until the eve of election, and all candidates will be heard at these gatherings.

Definite plans, with the dates and meeting places, for these rallies will be completed at a meeting tomorrow of the executive committee. The executive committee has been appointed a rally committee, and will meet in Chairman Lavery's office in the Newfield building at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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ONLY QUARTER OF TO-BE-MADES HAVE TAKEN THE OATH Twelve Hundred Have Not Yet Applied for Electors' Rights.

Less than 400 of the more than 1,600 who will be made voters had appeared before the selectmen up to noon today. The first voter to be made was Larkette Evans, an employee of the city surveyor's office, living in Beechmont avenue. The selectmen were in session today from 9 o'clock this morning until 5 o'clock this afternoon. There are only two women on the list of those to be made voters this year. They are Mary B. Warner and Mary Whiting, both living at 81 Broad street. Neither had applied to be made voters up to noon today, but half a dozen women visited the offices of the registrars of voters in the Masonic Temple under the impression that they might be made voters. They had filed no applications, therefore the selectmen could not administer the electors' oath.

Women are entitled to vote for members of the board of education. The selectmen will be in session again on Monday during the same hours and in the same place. No new names will be added to the list after Monday. Those who are not already voters and who are entitled to be made must present themselves before five o'clock Monday morning. There will be no evening sessions of the selectmen this year.

Undertaker Says Bridgeport Cops Are "Fresh Guys"

Because James J. Brennan, an undertaker at 174 Meadow street, New Haven, forgot to light his automobile tail light shortly after sundown last evening, he was called "a fresh guy" and told that "he ought to be pinched." This happened when he met Policeman Patrick Lynch doing traffic duty at Main and Elm streets. Brennan retailed with the result that he was arrested.

In the city court this morning Brennan informed Judge Frank L. Wilder that the Bridgeport police are "about the freshest bunch of cops he had ever met." He then told the court that he had invited arrest and that he had driven Policeman Lynch to headquarters in his machine.

Judge Wilder told the Elm City undertaker that he had been very considerate and for that reason he would be lenient. He then placed a fine of \$5 and costs on Brennan, which the latter paid, uttering many uncomplimentary remarks concerning the local police department.

ADAMS EXPRESS DRIVER IS HELD FOR BIG THEFTS

Allege James Hale Stole \$4,000 Worth of Goods From Company Depot.

POLICE INVESTIGATE
MANY OTHER LOSSES

Think Valuable Goods Have
Been Hidden With Intention
of Selling.

James A. Hale, a driver in the employ of the Adams Express Co., rooming at the Royal hotel, was arraigned before Judge Wilder in the city court today, charged with the theft of express shipments to the value of \$4,000 from the railroad station platform. Hale is a typical Texas ranger, hailing from the section known as the "Panhandle." He has scars of bullet wounds in his back. When arraigned in the city court today, he wore the ranger's regalia, with leggings, a bandanna handkerchief and khaki clothing. His "residence," Charles Davis Conn, the bank burglar from Hot Springs, Ark., apprehended here a few months ago.

Hale has been in the employ of the Adams Express Co. as a driver for the last three months. Goods to the value of more than \$5,000, which were officially checked as having left the depot for local shipment, have failed to reach their destination. Detective had been unable to discover the manner in which the articles had been stolen.

Shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning, Policemen John Dempsey and Robert Hoffman detected two longshoremen rolling two new automobiles three down Union Square. The policemen asked the longshoremen where they had obtained the cars and they were informed that an express driver had paid them 25 cents to do the job. They were brought to police headquarters.

The longshoremen pointed out Hale as the driver mentioned by them. He was taken to police headquarters and after a severe cross examination in the office of Capt. George Arnold he confessed to the many thefts. He said he used to back his wagon to the rear platform and load it with packages. Undetected, he had already planned to ship them all to New York city where he could dispose of them readily.

In a search of Hale's sleeping apartments at the Royal hotel, articles to the value of more than \$4,000 were located. Among them was a suitcase, the property of one C. J. Pickney. When Hale was searched at police headquarters he was found with a letter of recommendation for Pickney, to be used in searching for employment. It recommended Pickney as a first class mechanic and an honest workman. "I believed," Hale planned to use the recommendation to procure employment after leaving this city.

In the belief of the local police authorities that many other valuable express goods have been hidden away by Hale and for the purpose of making a further investigation a continuing search of the city is being made at the request of the detective bureau.

BROTHERS SHOT BY HOSPITAL GUARDS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Attendants Warned to Select Suspects More Discriminately.

Guards at St. Vincent's hospital were warned to use more judgment when endeavoring to apprehend suspected prowlers and chicken thieves, by Judge Wilder this morning in city court, when they appeared in connection with the cases of Maxwell J. Krause and Albert Krause of Chestnut Hill road, arrested Monday.

The Krause brothers were returning to their home in a buggy on that night when they noticed what appeared to be a free-for-all fight in progress at the rear of the hospital. They drove up their horse to see the excitement when suddenly they were attacked by four hospital guards.

Albert Krause then whipped up his horse and attempted to escape what they feared was an assault on the part of a crowd of toughs. A volley of buckshot followed them and part of the shot entered the forehead of Albert. He stopped the horse and was played under arrest, after receiving treatment at the institution.

Attorney Hugh J. Lavery, counsel for the Krause brothers, was ready to present five witnesses to prove an alibi for his clients but this was unnecessary as the reputation of both Albert and Maxwell Krause stood them in good stead, and Judge Frank L. Wilder ordered a nolle entered in their case. It is probable that the incident may result in a civil suit.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE PLANS MEETING OF RATIFICATION.

Henry Lee, candidate for mayor, and other nominees on Citizens' League ticket, will be speakers at a ratification meeting in Warner Hall at 8 o'clock Monday evening. Preceding the meeting there will be a tree party. The Wheeler and Wilson band will play and ladies will be welcome at the meeting.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight, with heavy frost; Sunday fair and slightly warmer; moderate northwest to north winds.

WARRENITE LOSES IN COMPETITIVE BIDDING; STATE SAVES FORTUNE

State Highway Commissioner Bennett's Policy, Rejected By Wilson Administration Keeps \$12,572 in Treasury.

One Small Job Run By State Shows Great Saving on Figures Proposed by Warren Bros. Co. Even Under Spur of Competition.

(Special to The Farmer)

Hartford, Oct. 23.—The State Highway department has awarded contracts for 20,500 yards of bituminous concrete pavement in North Haven. There were six bidders, one for Warrenite, one for Amiesite and four for Topekite specifications. The contract is awarded the Union Paving company, which bid 74 cents for a two inch bituminous concrete top, and partly to the Lane company, which bid 70 cents for a two inch top.

Warren Bros., who asked \$114 for a two inch top, were high bidders. The cost of building the road, under the low bid, is \$23,000. The high bid was \$35,572.

The difference between the low and the high bid is \$12,572.

Competition in bituminous concrete pavement has saved more than \$12,000, or 50 per cent, of the cost, on one small job. This means that similar competition in Bridgeport would have saved about \$100,000 on the streets, which were paved with Warrenite, without competition.

THREE THOUSAND BOSTON FREIGHT HANDLERS QUIT

Boston, Oct. 23.—Freight handlers of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the Boston & Albany railroads joined the Boston & Maine railroad in a strike here today for an increase in wages and pay for holidays. Union leaders claimed that 3,000 men employed by the three roads were out on strike.

The New Haven and the Boston & Albany forces went out at noon after Mayor Curley had made an unsuccessful effort to bring about an agreement at a conference of the representatives from both sides. The Boston & Maine declined to take part in the conference on the ground that it could not submit to the methods adopted by the various countries. General Carranza stated that it had 250 new men at work and that it expected to have its freight terminals in normal working condition by next week.

GEN. CARRANZA ACKNOWLEDGES U. S. GREETINGS

Washington, Oct. 23.—General Carranza through his representative here, Eliaz Arrendondo, addressed a note to the United States and the other American republics which he recognized his government, expressing his appreciation of their action in announcing that diplomatic representatives soon would be accredited to the various countries. General Carranza stated it was the purpose of his government to establish cordial relations with all countries.

State department officials today admitted hearing a rumor from Mexico attributed to Villa officials, that Felix Diaz and 40,000 Zapata troops were menacing Mexico City. It was said at the department that no such number of Zapata troops had ever been reported before as in the field and it was not credited.

"Hello Red" Starts Lunch Room Fight

Because Joe Ochs of 22 Brothwell street greeted David Murphy of 153 Golden Hill street with the salutation of "Hello Red" on entering his Sheffield Lunch room on Fairfield avenue last evening a fight ensued.

The arrival of the police terminated the fight and both participants were arrested. In city court this morning they were each fined \$5. Both are employees of the Adams Express Co. as drivers.

W. A. TOMLINSON IS SUED FOR BACK RENT.

William A. Tomlinson, prominent in this city as a vocalist, has been sued for \$150 by L. M. Sagal, doing business under the name of the New England Advertising Co. Tomlinson formerly had a studio in the Sagal building in Fairfield avenue and it is claimed that he owes Sagal \$150 for rent. Deputy Sheriff Della has attached goods belonging to Tomlinson in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Krentzman of this city. The suit is returnable to the common pleas court, November term.

WILSON'S BROKEN PLEDGE AND HIS FLIMSY APOLOGY

I believe that all work, except such as is extremely urgent, should be advertised for, as required by ordinance, and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, and that the waiver of the mayor should not be requested, except in great emergencies.—Mayor Wilson in his inaugural message, Dec. 4, 1912.

The mayor then many times gave his waiver, to do away with competition in bituminous concrete pavement.

"Warrenite is a patented article. It would do no good to have bids for it."—Mayor Wilson, excusing his violation of pledge.

ALLEGED THIEF'S MOTHER HELD FOR HIGH COURT TRIAL

Judge Wilder Finds Probable Cause in Case of Mrs. Elizabeth Hoad.

Judge Frank L. Wilder in city court today found probable cause in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Hoad, alias Rooney, of 338 Congress street, arraigned on the charge of having received stolen goods, the property of former Police Commissioner G. M. Baldwin and others, from her son Harold, and she was bound over to the superior court. Bonds were fixed at \$500.

When arraigned before Judge Wilder, Mrs. Hoad said that the goods had been shipped to her house about a week ago and that she did not know what was in the boxes. She also said that she had not seen her son for more than three weeks and that she expected to demand to learn what was the contents of the packages and the manner in which they had been obtained.

In searching the Hoad home yesterday afternoon Detective Peter Hall found a blue silk gown, the property of Mrs. Baldwin hanging in a clothes closet. This fact, in the opinion of the court, proved conclusively that she is alleged to have robbed the probable cause was found in the case of Mrs. Hoad.

Mrs. Baldwin appeared and identified several of the stolen articles that were found in the Hoad home. Mrs. J. F. Andrews of Naugatuck also appeared and identified \$100 worth of dress goods. Dr. H. H. Gordon of Naugatuck identified a suit of clothes and a gold dental society button stolen from his home in Naugatuck.

In the city court of New Haven yesterday morning a nolle was entered in the case of Hoad, apprehended as a suspicious character in the Elm City court. The case was then turned over to the authorities of Ansonia. After this charge is disposed of he will be returned to this city, where he will be arraigned on the charge of burglarizing the home of Clerk M. J. Flanagan on Golden Hill street.

Ansonia, Oct. 23.—Harold Rooney, who is alleged to have burglarized the home of William H. Joy, in this city some time between Sunday night and Tuesday morning, was arraigned in the city court this morning and bound over to the next term of the superior court, New Haven, for trial. Bonds were fixed at \$3,000 by Judge R. L. Munger, which the accused was unable to furnish and he was later taken to the New Haven jail.

FIRST SUIT FOR DIVORCE UNDER INSANITY LAW CITIZEN OF U. S.

Abbotts, Who Failed in Legislature, Tries Through County Court.

The first action to be filed in this county under the new statute which permits a divorce from a person incurably insane, is the suit brought by Joseph J. Abbotts of this city against Hepzibah Abbotts of this city. This action has just been filed in the civil superior court. Abbotts claims his wife has been incurably insane since September 5, 1909 and is now in an asylum. He does not give the name of the institution.

Under the old law insanity was not regarded as a sufficient ground for divorce. At the last session of the general assembly, however, a new law was passed making insanity a ground for a decree but stipulating that the person who secured the divorce must provide an adequate bond for the care of the mentally unbalanced defendant. Abbotts asks the superior court to grant him the custody of five minor children. The suit is returnable to the November term.

Abbotts at the last session of the assembly put in a special bill asking that he be allowed a divorce but it was rejected by the Judiciary committee.

COOL HEADS IN THEATRE PANIC AVERT TRAGEDY

Cry of Fire in New Fireproof Structure Stampedes Audience.

THREE WOMEN ARE
OVERCOME IN RUSH

Smoke From Bonfire Nearby
Stirs Patron to Give Cry
of Warning.

The cry of "Fire!" in the West End theatre, a new and fireproof structure at 1241 State street, last night, precipitated a panic which resulted in the fainting of three women. One was so seriously overcome from the crushing of a large part of the 1,300 men, women and children present at the time that she had to be removed to her home in an automobile by Manager Nelson C. Lund.

That a loss of life did not result from the panic is today ascribed to the efficient management and the vocal powers of Henry J. Waters, deputy city auditor, residing at 1166 Fairfield avenue, who was attending the moving picture performance with his wife.

Mr. Waters, occupying a seat in the front row of the gallery, seeing the danger below and about him, vociferously appealed to the panic stricken audience, "Sit Down! There is no Danger!" he yelled. "These and like quieting admonitions finally had effect. After the three women who had fainted had been revived in the open air, many patrons returned and the performance was renewed.

It was shortly after 9 o'clock last night when the smell of smoke entered the theatre through one of the exits well forward in the theatre. The smoke had issued from a pile of rubbish collected by the night wind that was blowing through a narrow passageway adjoining the theatre into which it is believed a cigarette may have been carelessly thrown.

Those in the front row of seats became uneasy as the volume of smoke increased and Mr. Lund had sent an usher to ascertain the cause of the smoke, though he felt no uneasiness at the incident.

Suddenly in the darkness that pervaded the auditorium the cry of "Fire!" rang from the throat of some boy.

It was like an electric spark to the powder train. In an instant similar cries were being shouted throughout the house and the spectators were on their feet.

A shout of 12 places began in strident tones the playing of "Tipperary" while women shrieked and children cried. For a moment it was a stampede in the dark, when with the presence of mind a theatre attaché turned a switch which flashed a blaze of light throughout the house.

The picture that presented itself to Mr. Waters was astounding. Where all had been peaceful a minute before there was chaos. Boys were climbing over vacated seats, while in the aisles there was a mad, pushing of women and children. In this melee many men displayed a cowardice that caused him and a cry of warning from other more cool-headed individuals who tried to stay the stampeded crowd.

Warning his wife that the building was entirely fireproof, Mr. Waters used his voice to good advantage, being plainly heard by others above the din below.

It was not until one woman had fainted in a downstairs aisle and was dragged from beneath the feet of the people in the aisle, and two had been overcome by the crush for the main doorway, that a semblance of order was restored.

Mr. Lund immediately mounted the stage and assured all that the fire outside had been extinguished. The majority of the audience returned to their seats, heavily ashamed of their previous conduct. The performance was continued.

So weak was one of the women who had succumbed that she had to be conveyed to her home in an automobile, provided by the management of the theatre.

Continue Case of George L. Moshier

The case of George L. Moshier, 240 Fairfield avenue, held under bonds of \$5,000 for trial in the city court on a charge of manslaughter, was continued today for another week. An accident to the car driven by Moshier caused the death of William Costello, 250 Devonport street, on Ox Hill two weeks ago.

ALLIED FLEETS JOIN IN ATTACK ON BULGAR PORT

Italian Squadron Joins Entente Naval Powers in Bombarding Important City—German Troops Cross Drina River and Bulgarians Troops Capture Two Large Serbian Towns—Berlin to Take Up Problem of Conserving Food.

Paris, Oct. 23.—An official communication was given out by the French ministry this afternoon, announcing that the warships of the entente allies bombarded on Thursday the Bulgarian port of Dedeahatch in the Aegean Sea. The statement said:

"The allies' squadron bombarded the warehouses and wharves at Dedeahatch on the afternoon of the 21st and did not fire upon the residential quarters of the city. Besides this the fleet destroyed a number of military posts along the Bulgarian coast."

Brindisi, Italy, Oct. 23.—The Italian squadron is taking part in the blockade and bombardment by the entente allied warships of the Bulgarian coast in the Aegean Sea, according to a wireless message received here today.

Bulgars Capture Serb Towns

Berlin, Oct. 23.—German troops have crossed the Drina river in northwestern Serbia near Visegrad, driving southward the Serbians on the heights according to the official statement issued by German headquarters. It was also announced that Bulgarian troops have captured the Serbian towns of Negotin and Roglievo.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CONTROL OF FOOD SUPPLY AND PRICES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

CITIZENS' BANNER FLAPS GAILY THEN FLOPS DEJECTEDLY

Breaks From Moorings, Ties Up Traffic and Sets Fire To Hotel.

Irridescence in its delicate shadings of red, yellow and blue, the political banner of the Citizens' League flapped gaily in the autumn breezes above Main street, near Wall, this noon. At flapping, it proved to be one of the neatest flappers that ever graced the main stem, and drew favorable comment from passersby.

Then while the admiring crowds were speculating as to whether it would ever get in the flapping championship, something happened. A gust of wind started at Seaside park. It was no ordinary gust; it was one of the fanciest gusts that ever stepped off from Spung.

A shirt-circuited wire had set fire to the roof of the Arcade hotel. When it hit the flapping banner, the banner was torn from its moorings. Within 2 seconds, these things had happened.

Two hundred political wheezes about the downfall of the Citizens' Ticket were manufactured and passed around.

Someone called the fire department, and someone else called the emergency repair department of the Connecticut company. While the firemen smothered the incipient blaze on the hotel roof, the repair crew made short work of the banner which was draped most ungracefully over the trolley feed wires. Last seen, the banner was being carted away in the Connecticut company's team, while hurried calls were being sent out for a special meeting of the Citizens' League banner raising committee.

RUSSIANS TO LAND TROOPS IN BULGARIA

London, Oct. 23.—Rumanian newspapers, as quoted in a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Zurich, say that the Russian General Visnolko asserted:

"In a fortnight at the latest Russian troops will land on the Bulgarian coast."

General Visnolko, who is Emperor Nicholas' adjutant, is now on his way to Serbian headquarters.

ALLIES REPULSE DRIVE BY BIG TURKISH FORCE

Paris, Oct. 23.—The troops of the entente allies on Wednesday repulsed strong Turkish attacks in the Syria and Kitchia regions on the Gallipoli peninsula, according to a despatch from Mytilene. The Turks are said to have lost heavily. An artillery action continues. Two destroyers entered the straits and bombarded the coast.

Berlin, Oct. 23.—The German federal government today decided to assume control of the price and supply of victuals throughout Germany. Up to the present time the state provincial authorities had been considered competent to handle the food situation.

The German government now considers it necessary, the Overseas News Agency says, to equalize the position of the various sections of the empire as to the distribution and the price of victuals, which are abundant but under different conditions in the various states and provinces of Germany.

New regulations will be made in order to avoid differences and to distribute food in an equal manner throughout Germany, thereby assuring for the coming months full supplies at reasonable prices in all districts.

Conferences are being held by the government authorities and it is believed the conditions of the measure, will be announced in the near future.

London, Oct. 23.—The Amsterdam correspondent of Reuters Telegram company says that, according to advices from Berlin, the Federal Council has forbidden the sale on two days of each week of supplies consisting of meat.

RUSSIANS CHECK DRIVE OF GERMANS FOR RIGA

London, Oct. 23.—The latest official news from Petrograd gives some indication that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's drive toward the Baltic port of Riga has again been checked and that nearer the center of the German line, German counterattacks have been repulsed. Fighting on the left bank of the Sty continues, and the Russians assert that they have made further captures of large numbers of men. In the Caucasus lively actions, in which cavalry is taking an important part, are recorded.

Vienna acknowledges Austrian troops have retired in Galicia under the pressure of superior Russian forces.

The status of political affairs in the Balkans is almost equal in interest to the military situation. The belief is growing here that neither Greece nor Rumania is likely to enter the war, at least unless the entente allies gain some decisive state. Greece apparently regards this as more important than the offer of the island of Cyprus, and it is feared in Athens that the allied troops have come too late into the Balkan field.

Bombardment of the Bulgaria coast by an allied fleet raises hopes in England that the entente powers will not be content with landing troops in Saloniki but may cause enough of a diversion elsewhere to engage a considerable body of Bulgarian troops from the front. It is believed here that the arrival at the Dardanelles of General Sir Charles Monro, the new commander of the expeditionary force will be accompanied with renewed military activity on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Goes to Jail For Stealing Bicycle

A sentence of 10 days in jail was given Harry Shapiro of New York, arraigned before Judge Wilder this morning in city court charged with the theft of a bicycle, valued at \$20, from John T. Moriarty of 533 Elmworth street, a foreman at the factory of the American Graphophone Co. The wheel was stolen from the yard of the factory on Howard avenue.